

GIRL DIES FOR LOVE

Takes Poison Because Cousin Would Not Wed.

BLIND TO HER DEVOTION

Ernest Reed, a Washington Motorist, Did Not Know Gertrude Lamkin Was Madly Infatuated with Him—Preferring Death to Life Without Him, Girl Drinks Wood Alcohol.

Brooding because Ernest Reed, a motorist on the Metropolitan Railroad, would not marry her, Gertrude Lamkin, twenty-two years old, committed suicide in Baltimore yesterday afternoon, by drinking wood alcohol. She was employed in the home of Prof. Wood, of Johns Hopkins University, and it was in the kitchen of his home at 310 St. Paul street, that she was found unconscious. Medical aid was immediately summoned, but she died without regaining consciousness.

The girl, it is said, had been enamored of Reed, who was her second cousin, and whose parents she had visited here only a month ago. She telegraphed him to meet her at the railway station in Baltimore, on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. He did not appear at the appointed time, and shortly afterward she is said to have received a letter from him which prostrated her. From the moment the letter came the young woman became morose, and all efforts on the part of her mother to cheer her up failed.

Yesterday morning she procured a large bottle of wood alcohol, which was kept about the house for cleaning purposes. In the presence of the cook and a friend she poured the contents of the bottle into a glass and drank it. The young woman was a native of Westmoreland County, Va., and is survived by three brothers, one of whom is said to live in this city, and three sisters.

Reed Greatly Agitated.

Motorist Reed, who is employed on the Congress Heights road, was greatly agitated when he heard of the young woman's death.

In speaking of the motive for the deed he said:

"I am much surprised and very sorry, but I cannot see that I am in any way responsible for her act. She was my second cousin, and I have known her ever since I can remember. I was fond of her and always knew she thought a lot of me, but I am certain I never gave her any reason to think I desired to marry her, nor did she ever mention the matter to me. I had received a telegram from her one day last week, asking me to come over and see her, but I was unable to get off, and wrote her to that effect."

"The telegram indicated that she wanted to see me on important business, but I did not realize that she contemplated taking her life. I had, 'Come over to-day at 2 o'clock. I want to see you badly.'"

"I made every effort to get away from work, but the telegram arrived so late that it was impossible for me to do so."

Here Last Week Ago.

"I saw her last about three weeks ago here in Washington, where she was visiting her parents at our home. I was as kind to her as possible, and took her about, but I had no idea that she considered my attentions seriously for a moment. My family and hers have been intimate for many years and I have visited her home often, from my boyhood up. I know that this will be a hard blow for her father, as she was always a great favorite with him. Her brothers, too, will feel it keenly. If I had known that this thing would happen, I would have been glad to do anything in my power to console her, but this is the first intimation I have had that she even thought of my marrying her."

Reed is a good-looking fellow, twenty-one years old, and from his manner of speaking it was evident that the news of the girl's death had hit him very hard. He has been in the employ of the car company for two years. He lives with his parents and brother at 212 Bates street northwest, and the neighbors of the association have said that he is an exemplary young man.

ITALIANS HOLD A BALL.

Fishing Club Planning Clubhouse on Upper Potomac.

Cav. Prospero Schiavino, consular agent at Baltimore; Cav. G. Di Giorgio, M. V. Carel, Salvatore Di Paola, Luigi Di Stefano, Salvatore Muggio, and Damiano Carolo, all of Baltimore, and John Waldman, Leo Zwissler, and Antonio Moschino, of this city, were the guests of honor at a grand ball given by the Italian Fishing Club at National Rifles' Armory last evening.

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HOLD A "SKATING DANCE."

Unique Entertainment Given by the Corinthian Yacht Club.

A unique entertainment was given by the Corinthian Yacht Club last evening. The officers of the club, who have always displayed originality in their entertainments, planned a formal skate (on skates) to be given in lieu of the annual dance. The plans worked out perfectly, and what was in reality a dance on skates was held at the rink in Convention Hall. The public was excluded, admittance being by card only, and those attending wore evening dress. The regulation orchestra and the playing regulation dance music, and the usual programme, with the printed numbers, was overabundant in the usual way. In fact, the skate was conducted exactly as a dance.

It was an unusual sight to see the couples making the circuit of the big hall to the tune of "Skate Me Around Again, Willie." The waiters were much easier than the two-steps, being taken with the long swinging strokes of the practiced skater. The movements were more graceful and made a prettier picture than in the ordinary dance.

TREASURY EMPLOYEE DEAD.

William C. Keech Succumbs to Long Illness at His Home.

William Cyril Keech died at his home, 245 California avenue, yesterday, at the age of fifty-six, after an illness lasting nearly a year. Mr. Keech has served for thirty years as an employee of the Treasury Department in the capacity of a clerk. He was also a member of the National Rifle, the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Masonic fraternity. He is survived by a family consisting of a wife and two married daughters. Funeral arrangements have not as yet been completed.

TITCOMB TELLS ABOUT FISH

Lectures to Aid Protective Association of District.

First of Series to Arouse Enthusiasm for Move to Stock Parks with Living Creatures.

John W. Titcomb, chief of the Division of Fish Culture, United States Fish Commission, last night started the ball rolling for the beautification of Washington's public parks with living creatures. He gave the first of the series of public lectures planned by the Game and Fish Protective Association of the District of Columbia in its effort to add to the capital's beauty with animal, bird, and fish life. In addition to the trees and shrubbery.

Mr. Titcomb's subject, "Fish Life," is one of which he has made a lifelong study. He spoke of fish culture from the time of its birth as a science to the present day, and invited guests to consider the beautification of the city.

He said that fish culture is an old science, dating back to the epicurean appetites of the Romans, and that goldfish had been transported to this and other countries by the Chinese nearly a century ago. The details of the capture and the taking and hatching of their eggs by the Fish Commission experts and then the rearing and distribution of the young fish were vividly told and illustrated with lantern slides.

Mr. Titcomb was preceded in a brief introductory address by Henry Talbot, vice president of the association. He said it is the purpose of the association to get the public interested in the protection of game and the park scheme, and to aid the association in its aims voluntary subscriptions will be accepted.

BUND WOMEN CELEBRATE.

Ladies' Club Observes Its Tenth Anniversary at Clubhouse.

The Ladies' Club of the Washington Sauerbund observed its tenth, or tin, anniversary at the clubhouse last night, the members of the popular German organization and invited guests crowded the spacious banquet hall of the Bund. The programme arranged for the evening consisted of dancing, a sumptuous repast, and toasts, and the presentation to the members of little tin articles, such as funnels, dishes, and molds, as mementoes of the occasion.

A large tin pan, upon which were brightly burning tin tallow candles, symbolic of the anniversary, graced the banquet table, being placed in front of the president of the Ladies' Club, Mrs. Frederick Carl, who made a short address, reciting the history of the club and bidding everybody welcome. Adolph Levy, one of the oldest members of the Sauerbund, acted as toastmaster. Mr. Levy paid a high tribute to the women of the Bund.

Mr. F. G. Dieterich responded to the toast on the part of the directors of the Sauerbund. A. F. Joss, "The treasury of the bund," Paul Brandstedt, "The Handel monument," Henry Scheuermann, "The ladies," Henry Donch, "Music," M. Rudolph De Zapp, "The Washington Herald," Mrs. Henry Donch, "The Ladies' Club of former years," Herbert Levy and Harry Minister created great amusement by making their sudden appearance in the banquet hall with immense tin pans, the former presenting each woman with a souvenir tin plate inscribed with a suitable and appropriate motto.

Congressman Moore to Give Dinner.

Congressman Moore, of Pennsylvania, a former newspaper man, will give a dinner to the Pennsylvania newspaper correspondents at the Hotel Raleigh this evening. Among the guests will be Gen. Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio; Congressman James R. Mann, of Illinois; J. A. T. Hall, of Iowa; Judge Richardson, of Alabama; and Mr. Burleson, of Texas; Quartermaster General Humphrey, U. S. A.; Dr. H. W. Wiley, Commissioner of the General Land Office, and others, including Congressman John E. Reubyn, who has just received the Republican nomination for mayor of Philadelphia.

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Mrs. Copley May Have Killed Her Baby and Herself.

POLICE BELIEVE IT SUICIDE

Coroner Nevitt's Experiments with Revolver Lead Him to Believe Pistol Wounds Could Not Have Been Inflicted by Another—Little Son of Couple Is in Pitiable Condition.

William G. Copley is still in his cell in the Ninth precinct police station, awaiting the result of the investigation into the death of his wife, Amanda Copley, and their four-month-old baby Ruth. He refuses to discuss the case with newspaper men, other than to maintain his innocence with the simple statement that his wife shot the baby and herself, Coroner Nevitt and the detectives put on the case the revolver conducted experiments with the revolver used in the shooting. He found by using a sheet that the back flash would make powder burn similar to those on Mrs. Copley's arm and night dress. Several detectives are of the opinion that it would have been impossible for a third person to have fired a bullet that took the course of the one that caused Mrs. Copley's death and at the same time make the powder marks on the sleeve of her night dress. For this reason, the coroner and the detectives appear to favor the suicide theory. The inquest to-day at 11 o'clock, however, may bring out developments that may throw new light on the case.

Coroner Nevitt stated that the inquest will be a thorough one. The sworn testimony of witnesses is expected to bring the facts out clearly. It is expected that a number of the coroner's questions will hinge upon the position in which the revolver was found. One story is that it was picked up from the bed, while another is that it was found lying on the floor. From Mrs. Copley's position, it is evident that she made no struggle, as all the muscles of her body were lax and at a natural, restive position.

Neighbors Believe Him Innocent.

Copley's neighbors, without exception, assert that they were a most congenial and loving couple, and this characteristic had often attracted attention in the neighborhood. It is said that he was more than a model husband, and that she was an excellent housewife. Henry Owens, who lives next door to the Copleys, and who was one of the first to enter the house, said yesterday that it is evident that she made no struggle, as all the muscles of her body were lax and at a natural, restive position.

Mr. and Mrs. Copley came to this city about five years ago from the case which he received an appointment in the Pension Office. They bought the site at 1921 Rhode Island avenue northeast, in the suburb of Langdon, upon first coming to the city, and immediately commenced the construction of the house. The house, though a small one, is extremely bright and cozy, and well furnished. The furniture, carpets, and hangings have been artistically chosen and placed, and the arrangement of the rooms is an ideal one. The house, from top to bottom, bears out the assertion of Mrs. Copley's neighbors, that she was a model housekeeper. The house sits back on a fifteen-foot terrace, and is surrounded by a big yard and gardens.

PLAN TO BUILD HOMES.

United States Realty Company Announces New Methods.

The United States Realty Company, with offices at Seventh street and Louisiana avenue northwest, is making daily announcements with reference to suburban property of much interest to prospective home buyers. This company has control of several tracts of land in the vicinity of Pennsylvania and Massachusetts avenues in the eastern section of the District, and other tracts in the northwest section, which have been subdivided, and are now being placed on the market.

The company will sell lots, singly or in groups, and has special facilities for the construction of houses. Both lot and house can be had for a small first payment, the balance to be paid in amounts equal to monthly rental. The officers of the company will make investigations of the property, and offer to furnish an automobile free to take prospective purchasers out to the property to look it over and make their selections.

Melling & Lay are the agents representing the company, and either of them will at any time explain the plans of the company with reference to buying lots or building houses, if called upon to do so. The company announces that a call for the telephone will bring the automobile to the prospective buyer's door to take him to the offices of the company, or to the property to have a "heart to heart talk" over the subject of purchasing a home.

INSISTS SHE IS KILLED.

Woman Held as Insane Tells Police Burglar Murdered Her.

Stubbornly persisting that she was but twenty-two years old, Margaret Pumphrey, a feeble old woman fully sixty-five years of age, was taken into custody by Detectives Burlington and Weedon. The Central office, yesterday, that an examination as to her mental condition should be made.

For some time past the woman had been living by herself in a dilapidated house at 64 Maryland avenue southwest, which she claims to own. Although thought to be slightly insane, little attention had been paid to her until letters asking that she be examined were received from several of the residents of the neighborhood.

When brought to police headquarters yesterday by the detectives, the woman was so feeble that she could hardly walk. On her head was a severe wound, which, according to her story, had been received the night before at the hands of a burglar, who had killed her. In her talk with Capt. Boardman she intimated that she was a young girl and was in the best of health.

She was afterward taken to the House of Detention, where she will be kept until the police surgeons hold the examination. When searched by the matron it was found that she had 113 pennies secreted about her person.

Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans.

Capt. Frank Bench has installed the following named officers of Lincoln Camp, Sons of Veterans, for the ensuing year: Parker Trent, commander; O. T. B. Johnson, senior vice commander; E. T. Johnson, junior vice commander; B. J. Northcott, chaplain; E. K. De Puy, secretary; Irvin S. Taylor, treasurer; John T. Bond, sergeant of the guard; E. G. Harbour, corps sergeant; camp council, M. Stutz, R. M. Smith, Dr. H. Evans, members of the staff. The cordially invited to attend the meetings of Lincoln Camp.

SCORE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

Resolutions Adopted Condemning Many Things at Jeezab Church.

A mass meeting was held last evening at Jeezab Baptist Church to discuss the topic, "Our Present School Management," and resolutions were adopted condemning the present management, approving that Dr. Chancellor should have full power in the matter of the school management, condemning the appointment of a "female mulatto" to the board of education, disapproving of the appointment of Mr. Bruce, of Alabama; that the principal of the Normal School No. 2 be removed, as well as the principal of the Armstrong Training School, and warning Booker T. Washington against interfering in the school management of the District of Columbia.

It appears that the trouble grew out of the rumor that Dr. Chancellor is said to have told Oliver C. Black, a committee of management waited upon him to ascertain if it were not possible to draw a "color line" in the colored schools; that is, to have the black negroes attend a "class," and the lighter colored negroes another.

Black urged that it was time to put a stop to the practice, which he claims, prevents the black children from securing an advanced, or high school, education. He urged that they be covered into attending the manual training school, while the lighter colored pupils are encouraged to attend the M Street High School and fit themselves for teachers' places.

NOW IT IS THE PROFESSORS

Dr. Thwing Says Their Salaries Should Be Increased.

Tells the Alumni of Western Reserve University Corporation of College Educators Is Not Adequate.

Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University, of Cleveland, Ohio, told local alumni in an after-dinner talk last evening that measures must soon be taken to provide college faculties with adequate compensation, or there would be a marked deterioration in American educational values.

"A college man, with a post-graduate degree, who has spent four years of his life and perhaps \$5,000 on his education, is now asked to begin the teaching profession in the American college at \$2,000 a year, or less," said Dr. Thwing. "The amount is usually less. In ten years he may be receiving \$2,000. He must be a man of exceptional force to make progress more rapid than this. Such a condition of affairs justifies anxiety for the future. The best men will not follow careers that promise so little return in a material way. That will mean, unless there is improvement, a gradual deterioration in the faculties, and the student will suffer in turn."

Dr. Thwing began his discussion of American college finances with the announcement, for preface, that Western Reserve has received \$50,000 in gifts during the past year, and that two funds have been created for the purpose of endowing professorships for John Hay and Senator Hanna. The Hanna chair will be devoted to the science of practical politics.

During the afternoon Dr. Thwing, with a number of local alumni were received at the President's residence in the East Room. The President chatted for some little time on college affairs with his guests. The dinner given in honor of Dr. Thwing by the alumni last evening was the construction of the steamships Alameda and Korea, at San Francisco, were brought to the United States in violation of the contract labor laws, was received here yesterday from H. H. North, the immigration commissioner at San Francisco. His conclusion is that practically all these Japanese, some three or four hundred in number, were recruited in Japan by the so-called "immigrant agents," or "labor agents."

"The Japanese government, in consideration of the payment to these agents of a specified sum of money, their passports are procured from the Japanese government, permitting them to depart from Japan for the purpose of visiting Hawaii only; that tickets to Hawaii are furnished and they are guaranteed to make an investigation of the so-called 'labor trust,' with a view to discovering how far an agreement between the various paper mills operates to fix the price of paper in the United States; the causes of the ability of the mills to combine, and the cost to the publishers and the people of their combination."

PANAMA RAILWAY BILL.

Places Road Under Commission.

\$2,000,000 for Saiton Sea Break.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill placing the Panama Railroad under the charge of the canal commission. It also passed the bill appropriating \$2,000,000 for repairing the break in the Lower Colorado River in California.

The amount is to be returned to the government within ten years.

Complain of Stray Dogs.

Complaint concerning the number of dogs running at large is made to the Commissioners by Norman Roberts, 1506 Meridian street. The matter was referred to the police department.

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Official Statement Only Says Golden State School Officials Have Been Requested to Come Here Soon. Indications that Orientals Are Being Landed as Contract Laborers.

The Japanese school question in San Francisco was discussed at a pre-arranged conference at the White House late yesterday afternoon between President Roosevelt, Secretary Root, Secretary McCall, and all the members of the California delegation in Congress. Both the Senators from California and all the members of the House delegation have been against